

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
CENTRAL DIVISION**

**ROSE RHEAR, et al.
#527861**

PLAINTIFFS

v.

Case No: 4:24-cv-00534-LPR-PSH

DOES

DEFENDANTS

ORDER

Plaintiffs submitted letters describing conditions in the Shelby County Correctional Center for filing in this District. Those letters have been docketed as a complaint filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1983.¹ However, from the facts alleged and the defendants described, it appears that venue properly lies in the Western District of Tennessee. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391(b):

A civil action may be brought in--

- (1) a judicial district in which any defendant resides, if all defendants are residents of the State in which the district is located;
- (2) a judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred, or a substantial part of property that is the subject of the action is situated; or
- (3) if there is no district in which an action may otherwise be brought as provided in this section, any judicial district in which any defendant is subject to the court's personal jurisdiction with respect to such action.

The plaintiffs complain about conditions in the Shelby County Correctional Center in Memphis, Tennessee, and individuals who work there.² Memphis, Tennessee is in the Memphis Division of the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee. Accordingly, the Court


¹ Compl. (Doc. 1).

² *Id.*

finds that the interests of justice would best be served by transferring this case to the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee.³

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court is directed to immediately transfer Plaintiffs' entire case file to the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee.

DATED this 25th day of June 2024.



LEE P. RUDOFSKY
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

³ See 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a) ("The district court of a district in which is filed a case laying venue in the wrong division or district shall dismiss, or if it be in the interest of justice, transfer such case to any district or division in which it could have been brought.").